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SENATE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. **HCR 1008 -**

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Introduced by: Representatives Jensen, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Burg, Elliott, Flowers, Frost, Fryslie, Hanson (Gary), Hundstad, Hunhoff, Klaudt, Kloucek, Lintz, Nachtigal, Olson (Mel), Peterson (Jim), Rhoden, Sigdestad, and Van Norman and Senators Symens, Bogue, Dennert, Diedrich (Larry), Duxbury, Koskan, Putnam, and Volesky

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting mandatory country of origin labeling for
2 agricultural products.

3 WHEREAS, the dramatic increase in the incidence of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
4 in Europe has promoted the World Health Organization to declare its "exposure worldwide" thus
5 critically threatening the safety of our food supply; and

6 WHEREAS, a labeling system that enhances traceability and accountability will help insure
7 the safe consumption of food; and

8 WHEREAS, the taxpaying consumers have made a huge investment in food safety and have
9 the right to know where their food is produced; and

10 WHEREAS, U.S. growers and producers are subject to numerous regulations designed to
11 protect food safety, our environment, and the welfare of our workers, and co-mingling of food
12 produced and processed under these rigorous standards with food from every other source is a

1 practice that undermines the credibility of our food system:

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
3 sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
4 Legislature urges Congress to enact legislation that mandates country of origin labeling for meat,
5 dairy products, and produce and requires that products labeled "U.S. Produced" be produced,
6 born, raised, or processed completely in the United States. Any product bearing a "USDA
7 INSPECTED" label must also state the country of origin as a part of that label.